

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I don't think anyone should have the right to tell me to have an exam to buy a hearing aid
If the FDA thinks I should have an exam then they should pay for it

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I have paid hundreds of dollars for hearing test, they told me I was hard hearing and there was nothing they could do
I have had free hearing test and they wanted eighteen hundred dollar for aids with no guarantee

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

No

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

I wear Excel Aids now, but the first pair aids I got from Excel I did not like and when I sent them back they refunded my money
Yes I should be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail when a company stands behind their product as Excel has what could be better

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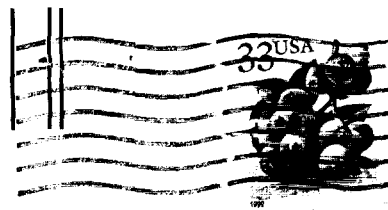
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